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MINUTES
Athens Regional Library Board
January 20, 1977

The Athens Regional Library Board met Thursday afternoon, January 20, 1977 at 4 p.m. at the Athens Regional Library. Present were: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. Milner, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Wilkins (Clarke County); Mrs. Telford (Franklin County); Mrs. Hardigree, Mrs. Dawson (Oconee County); Mrs. Whitehead (Madison County); Mrs. Lois Matthews (Winterville).

Mr. Kellam welcomed the Board to Athens.

The minutes of the October 21 meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Telford reported for Franklin County. They have just had their quarterly Board meeting and report that the three librarians enjoyed the branch workshop in Athens last week.

Mrs. Whitehead reported for the Madison County Branch. She said things continue to move smoothly and announced that Mr. Perkins is the new Superintendent of Schools as of January. Mr. Graham's status has not yet been cleared up.

Mrs. Hardigree and Mrs. Dawson reported continuing heavy use of the Oconee Library. The building is now debt free.

There was no report from the Oglethorpe County Branch.

Mrs. Matthews reported for Mrs. Porter for Winterville that their building is now debt free since the City Council voted to pay off the remaining sum that was owed. She also reported that Mrs. Anglin, the librarian, has resigned because of illness in her family.

Miss Austin presented the Director's report which included news of the headquarters library. She called attention to some of the figures in the November monthly report and announced that the December report will be mailed to the members shortly. She summarized activities for the past three months highlighting the demand for material on issues and candidates at the time of the general election in November, the library's observance of Book Week in November, Christmas decoration workshops in late November and early December, and continued heavy use of the library auditorium and the continued increase in circulation from the Talking Books Center. Of the twelve Talking Books Centers in the state, our December circulation was second only to Atlanta.

Highlights from the Library Director's meeting in Macon December 13 and 14 were presented to the Board as information. These dealt primarily with the differences between the amounts in the Governor's budget and that for the State Department of Education for libraries and with plans for the Governor's Conference on libraries and information services, a pre-White House Conference.

Miss Austin read the objectives of the Governor's Conference and a memorandum from Miss Elizabeth Cole notifying us that the Governor's Conference has been postponed to September 15 and 16. She read the list of categories of people to be invited as guests and urged members of the Board to submit names to reinforce or supplement the list she had already begun.

Miss Austin reported a very successful one day workshop for the branch librarians on January 13. Staff members conducted the sessions which dealt with first aid to damaged books (mending) and reference services plus the introduction of some new reference books which have been provided each library.

Miss Austin announced there will be a called meeting of the Georgia Council of Public Libraries in Atlanta on Monday, January 24. Her attendance at this meeting was approved on motion of Mr. Milner.

Mr. Kellam reminded members of the Spring Board meeting on April 21. By common consent it was decided that he and the Director will determine where this meeting will be held.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", is written over a horizontal line.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
Clarke County Library Board
January 20, 1977

The Clarke County Library Board held its quarterly meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Board meeting at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 1977 in Athens. Those present were: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Wilkins, Dr. Reines, Mr. Weir, and Mr. Milner.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Mr. Cofer reported for the Building and Grounds Committee concerning the trees. The County officials do not have anyone who is a specialist in this field nor do they have the special equipment required to trim or remove the damaged trees. The City officials referred him to the Moore Tree Service which had removed their trees. Mr. Cofer, Dr. Reines, Mr. Moore and Mr. Tatum (the County Agent) examined the trees and agreed that three of them are so badly infected or have dead limbs which are so dangerous that they must be removed. Two others need branches removed. Mr. Moore will do all of the work excepting the removal of the tree with the owl's nest for \$550.00. If that is included the price will be \$650.00. After some discussion, Mr. Milner moved that Mr. Cofer and the Committee be authorized to make arrangements to handle the matter of trimming and removing the trees. Mr. Weir seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Cofer reported further that there appear to be too many magnolia trees in the garden. They have grown so large that the time has come to move some of them if they are to be moved. There followed a discussion during which he reminded the Board that since the garden was a gift to the Library, the donors should be reassured that the plan will suffer no damage before anything is done. He recommended consultation with the Garden Club Council, the County Agent, and the landscape architect who developed the plan for the fragrance garden. By common consent the Board authorized Mr. Cofer to look into this matter and make recommendations.

There was discussion of the need for additional parking spaces for the library. Following this, Mr. Cofer moved that the Board chairman write to the city and county governments stating the problem and suggesting possible solutions such as the proposal for a joint purchase of the old A&P property for a public parking lot when the property becomes available and requesting that if possible more parking space for the library be developed. Several seconds were offered and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board was reminded that the minister of the First A.M.E. Church next door has offered the use of their parking

lot at any time they have no service scheduled. At the suggestion of several members, the Director was authorized to have a new sign made for the library parking lot which will include this information.

Mr. Patterson reported that the Personnel Handbook Committee has completed its draft. This will be distributed to the Board within the next two or three weeks. He urged members to read the material and be ready to act on the proposed draft at the Spring Board meeting.

Mr. Kellam reminded the Board that they should have submitted recommendations in October for successors to the three Board members whose terms expired January 1, 1977. The County Commission has continued those appointments until they receive suggestions from the Board for the expired terms of Mrs. Neighbors, Mr. Cofer, and Mr. Hurley.

Following a discussion, Mrs. Mendenhall moved that Mr. Kellam determine the willingness of those agreed upon to serve and submit the proper slate of names for action by the County Commission at their February meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Wilkins, the Board authorized the Director's attendance at the mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association in Washington, D.C. January 30 through February 4, 1977.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
Athens Regional Library Board
April 21, 1977

The Athens Regional Library Board met in Athens on Thursday afternoon, April 21, 1977 at 4 p.m. with the following people present: Mrs. Calvin Langford (Madison County), Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr. and Mrs. Sammy Hansford (Oconee County), Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Newland, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Weir (Clarke County) and Mrs. Lois Matthews (Winterville).
Mrs. Adam Whitehead (Madison Co.) (absent)

The group was invited to tour the new quarters of the Talking Books Center at 197 W. Dougherty Street and have punch before the business meeting began.

Mr. Kellam called the meeting to order and introduced the new Clarke County representative, Miss Julia Hawkins. He also introduced Mrs. Mary Ann Driver, the acting children's librarian, who presented a brief outline of plans for the Summer Reading Club. The theme is to be "a Whirlybird Reading Club" and will feature helicopter mobiles with the child earning each piece as he reads a given number of books. The helicopter then becomes the child's prize.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Kellam called for reports from the counties. Mrs. Langford reported for Madison County that everything seems to be working smoothly. The new bookdrop purchased with federal funds from the Transition Quarter is proving to be very helpful. She commented that even though the question of Mr. Graham's election as Commissioner has not yet been resolved, fiscal 1977 funds due from the County Commission have been paid.

Mrs. Ivy reported for Oconee County that work is underway on the renovation of the Bogart Library. In addition to the funds made available when the County Commission cancelled the building fund repayment, the local committee has secured gifts of blinds and reduced cost on carpeting for the Library. New shelving has been ordered and plans are being made for new heating arrangements. An open house is planned for some time in May at the Bogart Library.

Activity continues to flourish at the Watkinsville Library. The hours are being changed effective May 1 to provide evening hours open earlier in the week.

The first annual meeting of the Friends of the Oconee

County Libraries will be held in the Watkinsville auditorium on May 3, and all of the Board is invited to come.

Mrs. Lois Matthews reported for the Winterville Library as the new Chairman of their library advisory board. She indicated that Mrs. Lundy, the new librarian, is doing well and that the town has provided new steps for the library building. Plans are being made for the Marigold Festival with the tentative date being June 18.

There was no report from Franklin and Oglethorpe counties.

Miss Austin presented the report for Clarke County and the Director's regional report. She pointed out that despite the severe weather, regional circulation for the 1977 winter quarter is up 8% over the 1976 period. The report called attention to the relocation of the Talking Book Center and the excellent cooperation we had in moving that service out of the main building. The County manager, Mr. Lumpkin, provided men and a truck to move the items from the main building and very little time was lost. A few items remain to be completed such as painting the parking spaces which Mr. Snipes, from the County Traffic Engineering Department, has agreed to do, and a few pieces of hardware in the remodeled restroom which are yet to be delivered. Mrs. Salas is eager to hold open house for the public, and to invite in addition to this Board, the Boards of the other library systems served by the Talking Book Center. A date for this will be announced for late May.

Miss Austin announced that Mrs. Mary Ann Driver has agreed to become acting Children's Librarian on a part-time basis until a qualified full-time librarian can be secured. Other activities highlighted were the baby sitting workshop for middle school girls held during February and March in Athens and Watkinsville.

The Director called attention to the fact that this is National Library Week and described the special children's programs that are being presented in Athens and each of the branches. In addition to the story hours and film programs, the Athens Library staff will present a dramatization of three children's stories on Saturday, April 23.

Miss Austin reported briefly on her attendance at the Mid-Winter ALA meeting and the visit of her committee with the Georgia delegation in Congress. She reported that all of the Representatives except Dr. McDonald of the 7th District had indicated support for extension of the Library Services and Construction Act, as had both Senators Nunn and Talmadge. The measure has now passed the House with only

one nay vote and is scheduled for action in the Senate. There will be a conference committee to adjust the differences between the two bills.

The Director also reported on the activities of the Georgia Council for Public Libraries which resulted in increased appropriations for public libraries for fiscal 1978. Because no other increases were granted Mr. Thaxton has asked each Library Director to list priorities for inclusion in the budget request for fiscal 1979. Miss Austin recommended the following:

1. Increased allotment for materials
2. Increased maintenance and operating funds
3. Construction funds
4. Revised formula for allocating State paid librarians

After some discussion, on the motion of Mr. Milner, the Board went on record as supporting Miss Austin's list of priorities.

Mr. Kellam reported on the legislative workshop in Macon sponsored by Georgia Library Trustee group. He represented the regional Board at this meeting on March 16. He also read a letter from Mrs. Harrington, Chairman of the Trustee group, requesting a list of names of people who could help in political action when it was needed. By common consent, on motion of Mr. Milner, the group agreed to reply by asking that the Board Chairman be contacted when action is needed and he will find people to present our case, whenever possible.

Mr. Kellam announced that the next meeting of the Regional Library Board will be held at 4 p.m. in Watkinsville on July 21. Mrs. Ivy extended a most cordial invitation to the group to meet with them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
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April 21, 1977

The Spring meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was held at the Athens Regional Library on April 21, 1977 immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Library Board with the following members present: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Milner, Mr. Weir, Miss Hawkins.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as read. Mr. Kellam reported that nothing has been done about the trees which need to be removed. Mr. Cofer, Chairman of the committee, will be contacted by Mr. Kellam to secure action on the trees. Miss Austin reported that a Mr. Redding, a tree surgeon, had come to see her about the trees, and was referred to the committee chairman.

Mr. Patterson distributed copies of the second draft of the personnel handbook and explained that this is a working draft and invited comment and suggestions from the members. He requested that these be sent to him right away so that they can be considered and action taken on the document at the July meeting. There was some discussion about the desirability of making Easter Sunday a holiday, but it was left pending.

Mr. Kellam reported that, as a follow-up on the Board's instructions to him to write letters calling attention for the need for additional parking, he had discussed the problem with Mr. Lumpkin, County Administrator. Mr. Lumpkin raised the possibility of exchanging some land with the city at some time and agreed to keep the library's needs in mind when this is done.

Mr. Kellam reported that the budget request to Clarke County for FY '78 includes a 20% increase which is largely for salaries. The Executive Committee met with Miss Austin to approve the budget request and Mr. Kellam and Miss Austin met briefly with Mr. Lumpkin when it was turned in. Mr. Kellam reported that Mr. Lumpkin is in favor of granting the amount requested and the other Board members have agreed to work for favorable action by the Board of Commissioners.

Miss Austin presented a recommendation that the Board approve the creation of the position of Assistant Director and that a small supplement from local funds be authorized in recognition of the added responsibilities. She recommended the approval of Mrs. Kathryn Ames for that position. Mr. Milner moved that the position be created and the librarian be empowered to appoint Mrs. Ames with a salary supplement to be determined after the appropriation is known. This was passed unanimously.

Miss Austin presented a proposed service contract from Dorsey Heating and Air Conditioning for our equipment. Following some discussion of problems with the system, the librarian was instructed to secure an additional bid from Mr. Wages of the E and W Air Conditioning Company. Mr. Weir suggested that the librarian check with Mr. Duke at the Georgia Power Company to determine whether their engineers are available to survey systems and make recommendations for adjustments to provide a better balance of air flow.

The Director presented to the Board a proposal that the library experiment this summer with a "mobile story hour" in the Clarke County area, using the small book-mobile and with few exceptions, presently employed staff. After a brief discussion the proposal was approved unanimously.

The Board authorized Miss Austin's attendance at the ALA annual conference in Detroit in June.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6 o'clock.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", is written over a horizontal line.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
July 21, 1977

The Athens Regional Library Board met Thursday, July 21, 1977 at the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville with the following members present: Mrs. Ivy, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Hardigree, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Oaks, Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Wells, Mr. Berry, Mrs. E. O. Cabaniss, Mrs. Callaway, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. W. H. Cabaniss, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Weir, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Newland, Mr. Kellam and Mr. Patterson. Franklin County was not represented.

Following a tour of the library and refreshments prepared by the Oconee County Board, Mr. Kellam, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Ivy welcomed the group to Watkinsville on behalf of the local library Board and the town. Each member was introduced and Mrs. Billie Brown, local librarian, was recognized and presented a brief account of the activities in the library this summer.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved with a correction noting that Mrs. Whitehead of Madison County was present.

Mr. Kellam asked Miss Austin to present the Regional Library budget for approval by the Board. Following a brief explanation and discussion it was approved on motion of Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Kellam reminded the Board of the biennial conference of the Georgia Library Association to be held at Jekyll Island on October 19-22 and pointed out that this conflicts with the regular Board meeting date for October. He suggested that the Board meeting be postponed from October 20 to October 27. Mr. ^{Patterson} moved that the meeting date be changed to the 27 and the motion passed unanimously. Miss Austin urged that several members of the Board attend if possible. Mrs. Ivy reported that she will be attending the Trustee's Section on Friday of the conference as she is serving on the nominating committee for the Trustee's Association. Travel for as many of the professional staff as can be arranged by the Director was approved on motion of Mrs. Ivy.

Mr. Kellam called for the county reports. Mrs. Ivy commented briefly as Mrs. ^{Brown} had already covered the summer reading club activities and the use of the community room. She reported that landscaping of the Watkinsville grounds is moving forward, and that the renovation of the Bogart building lacks only the heating system and a few items to be complete. Miss Austin announced a gift from Mrs. Emma P. Ivy to the Oconee County Library to purchase a microfilm reader and microfilm copies of the 1850 U. S. Census records for Georgia. This will greatly increase the usefulness of the Genealogy collection she is developing.

Mrs. E. O. Cabaniss reported that the Oglethorpe County summer program is progressing well and Mrs. Paul reports good attendance at the story and film programs.

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Mrs. Langford reported for Madison that their summer program is going well.

Miss Austin reported for Franklin County that each of the three libraries is quite active this summer. Mrs. Weldon had planned to attend this meeting but could not be here because of a conflicting called meeting with the Lavonia city officials and the Area Planning and Development Commission representatives to work on an application for funds to repair and renovate the Lavonia Carnegie Library building. The City has been notified of its eligibility for a grant under the Public Works Act, and the Mayor and Council have pledged \$100,000. of it toward the library project.

For Clarke County, Miss Austin reported a summer reading club enrollment to date of 1287, 100 more than last year. The Story mobile project is proving successful, with stops in eleven outlying communities. Weekly film programs for the senior citizens are proving to be well received with a Blood Pressure Day film presented twice on July 15. Plans are being made with the local chapter of the Heart Association to offer a series of classes in the CPR life-saving technique at the library on the third Wednesday evening in July and August and the first and third Wednesday evenings from September through December.

For the Region, the Director reported the appointment of Mrs. Cindy West as part time bookmobile driver for the Franklin County routes and for the summer story mobile programs, and the appointment of Mrs. Mary Ann Driver as Children's Librarian on a full-time basis in September. Mrs. Kathryn Ames became the Assistant Director of the Library effective July 1, 1977.

Mrs. Ames and Miss Austin attended the Directors meeting in Rome in April and the workshop on information and referral that followed it. Miss Austin reported on her attendance at the annual conference of the American Library Association in Detroit in June, and on a called meeting of state Library Directors in July. Mr. Thaxton had called the directors together to explain the forms for the data needed to support the State Department of Education's budget request for grants for fiscal 1979 on which they are now working.

The Chairman announced that the library system has been asked to designate two persons as official delegates to the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services on September 15-16 1977 in Atlanta. By common consent Mrs. Hussey Downs and Mrs. Robert G. Stephens, Jr. were named. All members were urged to attend.


Miss Austin recommended that the Board take some action to recognize the outstanding service of Mrs. J. C. Hardman and Mrs. Theo Hardman, volunteers who are serving as librarians for the Colbert Library and have kept it open on a regular basis since it opened last June. On the motion of Mrs. Langford it was agreed

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that the Board will present each of them with a framed certificate of recognition of their service to the community and to the library.

Mr. Kellam thanked the Oconee County Board for their hospitality in inviting the Regional Board to meet with them.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Roxanna Austin
Secretary

Minutes

Clarke County Library Board September 8, 1977

The Clarke County Library Board met in the auditorium of the Athens Regional Library at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 1977 with the following present: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Newland and Miss Hawkins.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The chairman called for old business and the following reports were presented:

Mr. Cofer reported that three trees have been removed, two in the parking lot to the side of the library, one behind it, and three other trees have been trimmed. The stumps have not yet been disposed of but he will try to arrange for the County government to get this done. Mr. Cofer, as Chairman of the Grounds Committee, will meet with Dr. Bellofiore, the landscape architect who made the original plan for the fragrance garden, to plan for further work in moving magnolia trees, planting new trees and shrubs, etc.

There was general discussion concerning making two additional parking spaces where the trees have been removed instead of replacing them on those islands. By common consent it was agreed that the space will be made available for parking. Mr. Cofer will check with the County people about the stump removal and ~~repairing of~~ the islands.

Miss Austin presented a proposed service contract drawn up by the E and W Air Conditioning Company. Mr. Wages proposes to do six inspections and filter changes (one every two months) for \$100 per inspection, or \$600.00 per year. After a brief discussion of the need for such a contract Mr. Patterson moved the acceptance of E and W's proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cofer brought up the possible need for a maintenance contract for the fragrance garden and the library grounds. The nursery people with whom he has spoken prefer not to be tied to such contracts, but others may be willing to enter into them. After a discussion during which it was noted that Mr. Osborne, who has cared for the grounds for 18 months, will be leaving at the end of the fall quarter, further discussion and action was postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Cofer announced that Mrs. Porterfield, of the Garden Club Council, had informed him the fragrance

garden will be included on the walking tour of gardens of the area in October and suggested that we make a special effort to get it in as good condition as possible.

Mr. Patterson presented the final draft of the proposed Personnel Handbook. Following a brief summary of its history in which he observed that each member had been mailed a copy of the final draft after all suggestions had been received, Mr. Patterson moved that the handbook be accepted as the policy of the library. Mr. Johnson and others seconded, and the motion passed. Mr. Kellam thanked the chairman and his committee for their work.

Miss Austin presented the Director's Report summarizing activity during the previous quarter. She reported that the Athens area had 1207 children enrolled in the Vacation Reading Club and that this year certificates were issued as the child finished the requirements and was given his helicopter mobile to take home to enjoy. The culminating activity was a party at Bishop Park on the morning of August 20 with the special feature being a U.S. Army helicopter from the Aviation Support Unit of the Air National Guard stationed at Winder, Georgia. This was attended by 250-300 people. She reported that the children's summer film program was quite successful, with the Senior Citizens film programs moderately so.

Miss Austin announced that Mrs. Robert G. Stephens, Jr. and Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr. had been selected by the Regional Board as official delegates to the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services September 15 and 16, 1977. Mr. Kellam has been named delegate at large by the Steering Committee for the Conference.

Highlights of the July monthly report were noted, as were the statistics on holdings and use of the library from the annual report to the State Department of Education. These showed the region owns 1.66 books per capita, subscribes to 395 magazines and 27 newspapers. It circulated 4.04 books per capita (431,871) which, added to 27,909 Talking Books, 19,103 magazines and pamphlets, 13,792 films, filmstrips and projectors for a grand total of 464,966, averaged 4.35 items per capita. Use of the interlibrary loan service and the GLIN reference service has grown considerably.

Increased funds for the fiscal year 1978, reported as requested in the minutes of the April meeting, were reported granted by the Clarke County Commission - an increase of 20% to \$105,000.00. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the Board send a note of appreciation to the County Commission. The motion passed.

The Chairman called for new business and asked the Director to present a proposed amendment to the regulations governing the use of the library auditorium. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Patterson moved that the following regulation be added to those now included in the statement of policy:

The auditorium may not be used for programs or activities for which admission is charged or for which a registration fee is required.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kellam appointed as a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for the next two years, Mr. Cofer, Chairman, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Milner. They will present a slate at the October meeting and officers will be installed at the annual meeting in December.

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The Chairman reminded the Board that the terms of Mr. Patterson, Dr. Reines and Mrs. Wilkins expire December 31, 1977. Suggestions for the vacancies should be made to the County Commission in time for action at their December meeting. He asked the nominating committee to collect suggestions and prepare a list to present to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Kellam announced that the next meeting will be on the fourth Thursday in October (rather than the third Thursday), October 27 in Athens, following the regular meeting of the Regional Library Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes
Athens Regional Library Board
October 27, 1977

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held at the Athens library at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 1977 with the following members present: Mr. Kellam, Chairman; Mr. Weir, Mr. Patterson, Dr. Reines, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Johnson, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. W. H. Cabaniss, Mrs. Vandiver, Mrs. Langford, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. E. O. Cabaniss, Miss Durham. Also present were Mrs. Lois Matthews from Winterville and Miss Austin, Library Director.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as read. Mr. Kellam announced that the certificates for the Colbert librarians have been printed and will be framed and presented to them during Book Week.

A report from Mrs. Pattie Ivy on the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Service was read by Miss Austin. Mr. Kellam added a few highlights of the Conference, and Miss Austin reported further and identified those from the Athens public library community who attended: Miss Austin, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Murray from the Regional Library headquarters; Mr. Kellam; Mrs. Coram from the Lavonia Library; Mrs. O'Barr from the local Lavonia Board; Mrs. Ivy and Mrs. R. L. Stephens, Jr. Mr. Kellam reported that Mrs. Murray had written a note to the Board to express her appreciation for the opportunity to attend.

Mrs. Vandiver reported for the Franklin County Board that their summer programs had been the most successful ever. The Lavonia building project has been approved and construction must begin by December 26, 1977.

Mrs. Langford reported that the Board in Madison is working to get additional shelving either through the vocational department of the schools or the County Commissioners. Mrs. Whitehead added that the historical society is meeting at the library.

Miss Austin read the written report submitted by Mrs. Ivy for Oconee County. She reported that the fall festival yielded a nice sum for the libraries, and that Bogart is almost ready for its open house.

Mrs. Cabaniss reported for the Oglethorpe County Board that the group has been reorganized, and that there has been a successful summer program.

Mrs. Lois Matthews reported that Winterville has had a very successful summer, and that the evaluating group from the "Stay and See Georgia" contest has visited the library as part of its official visit to the city.

The Director distributed a list of the current board members. She reported on the celebration at the end of the summer reading club with the National Guard helicopter on display, and announced the new schedule of fall activities for children and senior citizens. The employment of a new full-time bookmobile driver, Loretta Mitchell, was announced and also the beginning of the Genealogy

Workshop which will run throughout November.

Miss Austin gave a brief report on the Georgia Library Association meeting which was attended by six members of the regular staff and Mrs. Salas of the Talking Books Center. (Mrs. Auwarter, former staff member, worked full time four days so there would be a professional librarian available). She reported that the Association paid special honor to its past presidents at this conference and noted with satisfaction that two of the former presidents, Mr. Kellam and Miss Maret are associated with this library and both were in attendance.

The Director presented two matters for action by the Regional Board. The first concerned how the Library would handle its obligations for the Federal unemployment insurance. The Director recommended that the Board elect the reimbursable plan rather than the contributory plan. Mr. Patterson moved the adoption of the recommendation, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The second recommendation concerned the proposal for use of the Federal LSCA Title I grant for fiscal 1978. Miss Austin explained that the amount is expected to be the same as for FY 77, and presented a proposal to strengthen services to children in the region. After discussion the plan was approved on motion of Mr. Weir.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

Minutes
Clarke County Library Board
October 27, 1977

Mr. Kellam, Chairman, called the meeting to order immediately following the adjournment of the Regional Library Board at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, October 27, 1977. The following were present: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer, Mrs. Cabaniss, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Reines and Mr. Weir and Miss Austin.

The minutes of the September 8 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kellam called attention to the error in the minutes of the last meeting concerning the dates of the annual meeting at which officers are elected. The by-laws Miss Austin had quoted were old ones. She distributed copies of the newest constitution and by-laws, July 17, 1975, which calls for election of officers at the January meeting.


Mr. Cofer reported that he is still working with the county to get the stumps removed from the parking lots. He is also working on the problem of moving the magnolia trees. Miss Austin told the board that the walking tour referred to in the minutes took place in September rather than October and that the library garden received favorable comment from those present.

Mr. Cofer reported for the nominating committee which was charged to bring a list of names to be approved for submission to the County Commission for action to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of three members' terms in December 1977. These are Mr. Patterson, Dr. Reines (filling the unexpired term of Clinton Adams) and Mrs. J. J. Wilkins. He presented a list of eight names which were approved on motion of Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Kellam will get these names to Mr. Holland for action in December.

Mr. Cofer brought up the matter of garden and grounds maintenance in relation to the impending resignation of Michael Osborn when he completes his work at the University of Georgia in December. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Patterson will try to locate a qualified student who can be employed for the grounds work.

Mr. Weir asked about the status of our lease on the Ivy Building now housing the Talking Books Center. It is his understanding that the Y.W.C.O. will have to give up their quarters in the Spring. Miss Austin reported that the lease runs through October 31, 1978 and that she will look into the possibility of renewal, and will ask for assistance in locating other rental quarters near the library if renewal of the lease cannot be negotiated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


Roxanna Austin, Secretary